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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 12156

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TAGS: PINS, ID
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF INDONESIAN HOSTAGES BY FREE PAPUA ORGANIZATION

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1. INDONESIAN NEWSPAPER, KOMPAS, SEPT. 8 CARRIED A STORY ANNOUNCING THE RELEASE OF TWO INDONESIAN HOSTAGES WHO WERE CAPTURED BY THE MARTIN TABU GROUP OF THE OPM (FREE PAPUA ORGANIZATION) IN IRIAN JAYA LAST MAY 16. THE TWO RELEASED WERE WILLEM MALOALLI (SPELLINGS VARY ON HIS HAME), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE IRIAN JAYA PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, AND PETER OMBOS, A MINISTER. THE MILITARY SPOKESMAN FOR THE IRIAN JAYA TERRITORIAL COMMAND WHO MADE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THESE TWO JUST RELEASED WRE THE LAST OF THE HOSTAGES.

2. COMMENT: OUR OWN EARLIER INFORMATION INDICATED THAT FOUR INDONESIAN HOSTAGES REMAINED WITH THE TABU GROUP AFTER THE RELEASE OF COL. ISMAEL, THE PROVINCIAL INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, ON JULY 2 AND HIS NUMBER TWO, COL. TAJA AMARAL, ON AUGUST 30. THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WAS ALSO PUZZLED BY THE NUMBERS DISCREPANCY AND THEY CHECKED THE NEWSPAPER REPORT WITH MID-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF HANKAM (THE DEFENSE MINISTRY)
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AND BAKIN, (THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING BODY) ON SEPT. 8. HANKAM WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION: BAKIN REAFFIRMED THE RELEASE OF ISMAEL, AMARAL, MALOALLI, AND OMBOS AND MENTIONED ONE OTHER PERSON IN THE GROUP, AN INTERPRETER AMED FRANZ LEA, WHO HAD BEEN GOING BACK AND FORTH, PRESUMABLY IN THE TALKS EFFECTING THE RELEASE. BAKIN INSISTED TO THE AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF THAT THERE WERE

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NO MORE HOSTAGES. WE WILL CHECK FURTHER.
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